

(a) whether the Government are considering to allot more funds to West Bengal and Bihar for maintenance of G.T. Road;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps so far taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member has in mind the National Highway 1 and 2 from Indo-Pak border to Calcutta. The funds for maintenance and repairs of National Highways are allocated State-wise and not National Highway-wise depending upon the requirement and the actual availability of funds.

The funds allocated to the States of West Bengal and Bihar in respect of Maintenance of National Highways during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount	
	West Bengal	Bihar
1993-94	1760.45	1276.45
1994-95	1744.02	1472.53
1995-96	1731.33	1763.95

#### Non-Government Organisations

4647. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those Non-Government Organisations receiving aid from the Union Government;

(b) the details of field in which these NGOs are functioning; and

(c) their activities during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

#### Pending Reservoir Scheme of NCT

4648. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the reservoir schemes submitted by National Capital Territory Delhi;

(b) the time since when these schemes are pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the same are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Ministry of Water Resources has not received any reservoir scheme from Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Corridor to link Jalpaigh with Dinajpur

4649 SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to open a corridor to link Jalpaigh with Dinajpur at Titulia and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Defence

#### Cultural Troups

4650. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cultural troupes are to be sent overseas during the calendar year 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries to which they are to be sent; and

(c) the subjects in which these cultural units represent like drama, music etc.?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the cultural troupes sent during this year since April and those proposed to be sent during the remaining months of 1996 are given in the statement.

(c) Details of the forms represented are also given in the enclosed statement.

**STATEMENT**  
**OUTGOING PERFORMING DELEGATIONS**  
**1996-97**

S No	Country	Type of Group	Period	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1	North Korea	Gulabi Sapera and Nizamuddin Langa, Rajasthan Music Group	April, 1996	To participate in April Spring Friendship Art Festival in Pyong Yang
2	France	Padama Tawalkar group Khyal Singer × 3 Bombay	April, 1996	To give performances at the exposition of Indian Culture and an Exhibition entitled "18th Century French Adventure in the India of Maharajas" at the Theatre of Chambery
3	Nepal	Amjad Ali Khan Sarod × 5	4th to 6th April, 1996	To perform for H E King of Nepal Special concert organised by the Indian Embassey in Kathmandu
4	Morocco	Madhvi Mudgal × 7 Odissi Group	13th to 15th April 1996	To give performance at the request of Mission for Chanty Show (Three Year Rule not be applied)
5	Thailand	Dr Padma Subramanyam Bharatanatyam Group from Madras × 15	20th April to 30th April 1996	To participate in Festival of India Thailand
6	Morocco	Renu Bassi, Kathak Dancer, New Delhi × 5	24-28 April 1996	To participate in Indian Expo in Morocco
7	UK	Shoba Naidu × 15 Kuchipudi Dance Group	21st May to 31st May 1996	For performances at the Festival of Southern Indian Cultures organised by World Circuit Arts London
8	Singapore	12 member Mask Dance Group from Sikkim (Govt of Sikkim)	26 to 30 May 1996	To give performance at the inauguration of the Singapore Arts Festival
9	France	Budadev Das Gupta Esraj Player	30th May to 15th June 1996	To participate in the cultural event on Tagore organized by Maison des Cultures Du Monde
10	Singapore	Pt V G Jog Violinist, Calcutta (Travel Grant)	1st May to 15th May, 1996	To give performance at the invitation of Nrtyalaya Aesthetics Society, Singapore
11	South Korea	Rabindra Sangeet Singers X 5 Dance (Traditional) & Music	5-12 May 1995	In connection with the celebration of 135th Birth Anniversary of Tagore by Tagore Society of South Korea
12	Australia	Ms Sanjukta Panigrahi Odissi Dance Group X 6 Bhubneswar (Travel Grant)	4th June-15 July, 1996	For performances at the invitation received from Federation of Indian Associal of Victoria
13	Israel	Ustad Alla Rakha Fazal Qureshi Uatad Sultan Khan (Travel Grant)	5th to 10th June 1996	To perform at Israel Festival

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14.	Germany	Dr. Gopal Shankar Mishra, Veena and Sitar Player from Banaras.	9th to 30th June, 1996	To give performances cum lec/workshop at the invitation of the Liaden Museum Stuttgart. (50% Travel Grant).
15.	Mauritius	Peenas Masani Ghazal Singer X 6 Bombay	14 to 18 June, 1996	To perform at the invitation of the President of Mauritius for Mega Concert—A Charity Show to raise funds for eradication of Polio in Mauritius.
16.	France	10 member Bharatnatyam Dance Group from Bombay and 5 member group Prof. T. N. Krishnan, Violinist from Madras	2 to 7 July, 1996	To Participate in the Festival of D'Nates.
17.	South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, Kenya, Lestho	Mallika Sarabhai Bharatanatyam Dancer Ahmedabad X 6	20th to 30th August, 1996	To participate in the Women Arts Festival in Durban and performances in other countries in the region.
18.	Sri Lanka	Twelve Member Pung Cholan and Dhol Cholan from Manipur	12 to 18 August, 1996	To perform in the "SAARC Drumming and Dance Festival" in Colombo.
19.	Kenya	Jagjit Singh x 3 Ghazal Singer	14 to 19 August 1996	To give performance at the Made in India show in Nairobi.
20.	Bhutan	Gulabi Sapera folk dance/music group from Rajasthan	12 to 19 August, 1996	Republic/Independence Day Celebrations.
21.	Syria Turkey Cyprus	Lok Chand Folk Dance Group from West Bengal	2nd to 20th August 1996	For participation in International Amity Festival under Article 2.10 of CEP in Syria and chain tour.
22.	Russia	Cultural Groups of  1. Ustad Zakir Hussain x 8 — Percussion ensemble 2. Ritu Samhar x 21 — Dance Ballet (a) Ms Madhavi Mudgal x 3 (b) Ms Preeti Patel x 4 (c) Ms Bharti Shivaji x 3 (d) Ms Saswati Sen x 4 (e) Ms Leela Samson x 3 (f) Sh. V. Ravi Shankar x 3 3. Sh Uday Jadugar Magic Group x 4	16 to 28 CEP September, 1996	Days of Indian Culture in Russia

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		4. Ms Parvati Khan × 13	— Pop Music	
		5. Bhoomika × 14	— Modern Dance	
		6. Ms Subha Mudgal × 4	— Hindustani Vocal	
		7. Bihu × 12	— Folk Dance Group from Assam	
		8. Raghunath Seth × 4	— Flute	
		9. Prof T.N. Krishnan × 5	— Violin	
		10. Aavishkar × 15	Folk Dance Group from Gujarat	
		11. Theatre Group—Hayavadan Joint production with Russian cast × 2		
23.	U.K.	Shri V.P. Dhananjayan & Mrs Dhananjayan (Travel Grant) Bharatanatyam Dance	Aug/Sep 1996	For performances.
24.	USA	Odissi Dance Group led by Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra, Bhubneswar × 8 (Travel Grant)	10th Sept. to 20th Nov., 1996	Invited by Centre for World Music and Related Arts.
25.	Switzerland	Smt. Aruna Sayeeram Carnatic Vocal × 4 (Travel Grant)	15 to 22 September, 1996	To perform at the invitation of the Association for Classical Indian Music, Zurich.
26.	U.K.	Ustad Sabri Khan × 2 (Travel Grant)	5 September to 30 Oct., 1996	To perform at the invitation of Sonia Sabri, Birmingham, U.K.
27.	Iraq, Jordan, Doha, Kuwait, Bahrain, Tehran	Maya Rao, Folk Dance group from Bangalore	21 September to 6 October, 1996	To participate in Babylon Inter- national Festival in Iraq & Bosra Festival in Syria.
28.	Germany Ireland Belgium Portugal Switzerland Netherlands United Kingdom	Singh Bandhu × 5 Hindustani Vocalist	16 September to 7 October, 1996	For performance tour.
29.	Sri Lanka	Ms Shovana Narayan Kathak Dancer × 6 New Delhi	29 September to 4 October, 1996	To give performance at the invitation of our Mission in Colombo.
30.	South Africa	U. Srinivasan, Mandoline Player, Madras (Travel Grant)	18–24 Sept. 1996	To give performances at the invitation of the Institute of Art and Culture, Pretoria.
31.	USA	Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia × 3 Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhat × 1 (Travel Grant)	10 September to 10 November, 1996	Request from Dr. B.N. Dixit for Indian Music Concert arranged by Centre for the Performing Arts of India, University of Pittsburg, USA.

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32.	Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia	1. Pt. Bhajan Lal Sopan × 4 2. Kathak group of Rohini Bhate × 11 3. Drums of Manipur × 6	7th October to 17th October, 1996	For Days of Indian Culture in Vietnam.
33.	Nepal	Rajasthan Folk Group × 5	4 to 6 October, 1996	Performances arranged by the Mission.
34.	Bhutan	Ms Sonal Mansingh × 6 Odissi Dancer, New Delhi	22 October to 1 November, 1996	Performances arranged by the Mission.
35.	Mexico, Panama, Brazil, Peru, Argentina	Kathakali Dance Group of Kerala Kala Mandalam (10 member)	9-27 Oct., 1996	To participate in Cervantino Festival in Mexico and Chain tour of the region.
36.	Belgium	Six musicians	9th Oct. to 3 Nov., 1996	For joint performance with Belgium musicians.
37.	Turkmenistan	Folk dance group × 7	October, 1996	To participate in the 5th anniversary celebration of Turkmenistan Independence.
38.	Seychelles, Mauritius	4 member puppet group of Mohan Bhat Nanu	25-31 Oct. 1996	To participate in the Creole Festival.
39.	Mauritius	Twelve member Chhau folk dance group of Sh. Satish Mahato	Oct., 96	To perform at the Dusshera celebration.
40.	Israel	Marathi Theatre Group (Seven member)	7th to 8th Oct., 1996	To perform at the Fourth Biennel, World Marathi Conference.
41.	Pakistan	13 member Calcutta Puppet Group of Suresh Dutta  3 member group of Andhra shadow puppet group	12 to 18 Oct., 1996	To participate in the International Puppet Festival being organised by Rafi Peer Theatre Workshop and Rafi Peer Group, Lahora.
42.	Australia, Newzealand	Satish Vyas × 2 Santoor Player (Travel Grant)	21 Oct. to 21 Nov., 1996	To perform at the invitation of World Culture Music, Sydney.
43.	Re-union Islands Madagascar	Ms Saroja Vaidyanathan Bharatanatyam Folk Dance and Music Group	November, 96	To participate in Diwali celebration.
44.	Egypt	15 member Dance & Music group from Manipur	1 to 15 Nov., 1996	The Indian Cultural Festival at American University of Cairo.
45.	Brazil	Madup Mudgal × 7	4 to 6 November, 1996	To give performance of the Indo Brazil Music Concert organised by Mr. Ivaldo Bertozzo.

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46.	Ireland	Kathak group of Vaswati Mishra x 11	24 to 28 October, 1996	To give performances at the festival "Celebration of Senses".
47.	Greece	Seven member Shadow Puppet Group from Andhra Pradesh led by Sh. Nagabushan Sharma (Travel Grant)	7-17 Oct., 1996	To give performance at International Puppet Theatre Festival in Athens.
48.	Bangladesh	Details of Performing groups being finalised	Nov., 1996	For Manifestation of Indian Culture.

#### **Career Advancement Scheme in Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas**

4651. PROF. RITA VERMA:  
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Career Advancement Scheme of UGC has been implemented in the Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas in the country;

(b) if so, the number of Lecturers promoted so far to the post of Senior Lecturers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):  
(a) to (c) UGC Career Advancement Scheme has not been implemented in Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas due to financial constraints.

#### **Employees of GRSBE**

4652. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some employees of Garden Reach Ship Builders and Engineers lost their lives in a Jetty Accident last year at Nazir Gunj, Howrah, West Bengal;

(b) whether any request for employment of their family representatives have been made to the management; and

(c) if so, the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There were 17 casualties of employees of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited in

the accident. Requests from next-of-kin of 11 deceased employees for employment assistance were received. The company has drawn up a comprehensive proposal for providing vocational training to 11 eligible persons from the affected families while for the remaining 6 cases, where no one is eligible, a contributory Family Assistance Scheme has been prepared which is under finalisation in consultation with the Employees' Unions.

#### **Expansion of CGHS Facility**

4653. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to expand the activities of CGHS in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Due to resource constraints, CGHS can be expanded only in a phased manner. At present the priority is to cover State capitals with a concentration of 7,500 or more Central Government employees and pensioners. Calcutta is already covered under the CGHS Scheme.

#### **Citizenship of Foreign Country**

4654. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian nationals seeking citizenship of a foreign country have to inform the Government of their disowning Indian citizenship; and